

VILLA MAY BE DEAD, SAYS A LATE REPORT

AMERICANS CLOSE ON VILLA'S FORCE

Aviators Say that when they Left the Front Pershing was After Villa

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, N. M., Apr. 11.—The information brought by Dargue and Gorrell, the American aviators, indicate that the Americans had surrounded a detachment that was reported to be carrying Villa on a stretcher.

The advanced cavalry they said was below Parral near Durango border. Several columns are operating south of Satevo where General Pershing has established new headquarters.

Pershing's last reports said Villa was in the vicinity of Bacabuirachic, west of Parral. If dead, perhaps, the end came while the various forces of Americans were preparing to close in on him.

One hundred Villistas sacked Santa Rosalia Sunday according to the aviators.

(By Associated Press.)

QUERETARO, Apr. 11.—The war department has announced that it has reason to believe that Villa has been killed in action. Searching parties have been sent to find the body.

TWO GIANTS PLAYING ON PLACER GROUND

PLACERING SEASON AT GREAT NORTHERN CAMP OPENS IN FULL BLAST

R. H. Ernest, general superintendent of the Round Mountain Mining company, arrived last evening enthusiastic over the outlook for the season on the placer grounds under control of his company.

"With weather and water at their best the outlook for the year is most promising," Mr. Ernest remarked to the Bonanza. "We have one giant on the Jett Canyon flow and since the thirtieth of March, we have had a full head on the Llewellyn lines, which bring the water from Jefferson and Shoshone creeks. The additional water increases the capacity from 50 to 70 per cent and from all indications, the value of the dirt will be raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per yard. We expect a longer water season owing to the larger amount of snow deposited in the hills so that both pipe lines will be run to full capacity to the end of the season about the middle of August. No accurate estimate of the yardage removed can be made at present owing to the work involved in getting water in around the hill. A preliminary estimate makes it about 1,500 yards a day. The mine is looking good and the best results may be expected from the aggressive system planned."

DIAZISTA PLOTTING NIPPED IN BUD

EXECUTION OF MEN ACCUSED OF FOMENTING A REVOLT AGAINST CARRANZA

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Apr. 11.—Nicholas Chavez, Jose Bernal and Florencio Hernandez, leaders of a Diazista plot to seize Juarez and overthrow the Carranza garrison were executed here today by a firing squad. The men confessed, according to officials, saying other Mexicans were implicated with them.

MEXICANS CLASH IN SOUTH CHIHUAHUA

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Apr. 11.—Carranzistas and Villistas clashed several days ago sixty miles south of Chihuahua City. The Villistas being defeated.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.

U. S. Weather Bureau

	1916	1915
5 a. m.	46	48
9 a. m.	42	56
12 noon	46	66
5 p. m.	42	68
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	100 per cent.	

ATHLETIC COACHES GIVEN A SURPRISE

WATCH FOBS PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT BODY TO PROFS. CROSS AND WALKER

A meeting of the student body of the Tonopah high school was called at assembly period yesterday afternoon. Some mystery appeared to attach to the meeting until the president, Joe Murphy, after a few words expressing the warm appreciation of the student body, called Mr. Cross and Mr. Walker before the meeting and in the name of the student body presented each with a nicely engraved gold watch fob. These men, who have so successfully coached the athletic teams of the high school the present school year, were taken entirely by surprise. Their words of thanks for the splendid evidence of appreciation of their labors certainly came from full hearts.

School yells and enthusiastic "rahs" for the coaches, led by yell-leader Bowler, brought the meeting to a happy close.

VIOLATION OF DRUG LAW IS ALLEGED

TRIAL DEFERRED UNTIL ARRIVAL OF UNITED STATES MARSHAL FROM CARSON CITY

Olga Peterson, who is sometimes known as the wife of Ben Bowen, of Goldfield and Jack Wilson, another resident of the southern camp, are held in the county jail awaiting the coming of the United States marshal. They are charged with having in their possession drugs and narcotics prohibited by the law and officers allege they were caught with the contraband in their clothing.

Another case of the same class also originating in Goldfield is under investigation. This involves a well known physician of that town who is accused of evading the law by prescribing a certain mixture of which a teaspoonful after each meal was ordered.

WALL OF WATER HITS MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Apr. 11.—With the breaking of an ice jam behind which was one million feet of logs at Elk River, thirty-five miles north of here, a six foot wall of water was released which reached Minneapolis shortly after midnight. Four hundred persons were rescued from the flats in Minneapolis by the police.

SENTENCE OF DEATH CARRIED OUT IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Apr. 11.—A spy was executed in London today. The prisoner was charged with espionage and was court-martialed in March and sentence of death was carried out today.

HEAVY RAINFALL REPORTED SOUTH OF KLONDYKE

Passengers arriving on the Goldfield stage this afternoon reported that a rainfall amounting almost to a cloud-burst fell about 1:30 o'clock covering the face of the desert with water.

ALL ALASKA SWEEPSTAKES FOR DOGS STARTED FROM NOME THIS MORNING

(By Associated Press.)

NOME, Alaska, Apr. 11.—The 412-mile All-Alaska Sweepstakes dog-team race, the climax of the winter's sport events in the north, each year brings out the best of the racing dogs in Alaska, which are said by experts to be the best in the world. The annual event started this morning.

The start and finish of the race is at Nome and the course extends along the shore of Norton Sound to Solomon, thirty-two miles east, and then turns north over the snow-covered tundra, through Council to Candle, on Kotzebue Sound, 206 miles from the starting point. At Candle the teams turn back, retracing their steps to the finish at Nome.

Although much depends on the careful selection and training of the

dogs, an equal responsibility devolves upon the driver and the winner of the race is hailed as the most skillful handler of dogs in Alaska.

There is no limit to the number of dogs a driver can place in his team, but the rules of the Nome Kennel club require that every dog taken out must be brought safely back, either riding on the sled or working in the harness.

Consequently, the drivers husband the strength of their dogs carefully, permitting them to rest frequently at points along the trail, and often carrying two or three tired dogs on the sleds, until they have regained their strength and are able to take their places in the harness. Usually from eight to twelve dogs are taken out, at

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ELKS PREPARE FOR INITIATION

EXALTED RULER DEWAR MAKES APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Preparations for the initiation of a class of ten candidates are going ahead with the committees of Tonopah lodge B. P. O. E. and it is expected that arrangements will be completed about the 25th of the current month. The date for the annual dance has not been definitely settled but it is expected to occur about the end of May. In the appointment of standing committees Exalted Ruler Alex. A. Dewar continued the old members of the Big Brother and Membership committees owing to their familiarity with the work. The committees are as follows: Auditing Committee—E. Elker, R. J. Highland, S. R. Moore. Big Brother Committee—M. R. Averill, J. T. Garner, J. Gori, T. F. M. Fitzgerald, H. Schmidt. Social Committee—W. M. Grimes, H. R. Brooke, D. J. Kennedy.

Annual Dance Committee—P. H. Penn, R. F. Brown, W. G. Walker, Guy Corson, J. Scott Mullins. Membership Committee—J. Gori, L. Daniels, L. C. Arnold, P. Mooney, F. J. Kavanagh.

The executive officers are Alex. A. Dewar, exalted ruler; F. H. Penn, esteemed leading knight; A. H. Keenan, esteemed loyal knight; Geo. Murphy, esteemed lecturing knight; Lowell Daniels, secretary; J. Scott Mullins, treasurer; J. J. McQuillan, trustee; Robt. Christian, tyler; H. H. Atkinson, delegate to grand lodge; Jos. Gori, alternate delegate to grand lodge; Frank Kavanagh, equirer; N. K. Franklin, chaplain; Lloyd McQuillan, inner guard.

AVIATORS HEAR VILLA IS DEAD

AMERICAN TROOPS CONTINUE PURSUIT BELIEVING STORY IS A RUSE

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, N. M., Apr. 11.—Army aviators Gorrell and Dargue, who returned today from a long distance flight said reports were current among the natives at Santa Ana, seventy miles south of Chihuahua City, that Villa was dead from blood poisoning. Further reports indicated that Villa is closely pursued by Americans south of Parral. Officers said the report of Villa's death may be a ruse to throw Americans off the trail.

The natives said Villa was shot in both legs and the stomach.

BRITISH RETAKE 1200 PRISONERS

ANOTHER GRENADE ATTACK ON THE GERMAN LINES IS REPULSED

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Apr. 11.—Fighting on both sides of the Meuse at Verdun, progressed with great vigor all yesterday when twelve hundred prisoners were retaken. The British made a strong grenade attack against the Germans at South St. Eloi, but were repulsed.

CHARLES KEOUGH autoed in from Reese River last evening.

LIQUID FIRE IS OF NO AVAIL

FIENDISH ATTACK OF GERMANS AT VERDUN REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Apr. 11.—The German assault on Verdun is still centered on Dead Man's hill west of the Meuse. Advancing from Corboux wood, the Germans gained a few kilometers of French trenches. Otherwise, according to Paris, they were driven back with heavy losses.

In attacking Dead Man's hill the Germans used flaming liquids. Between Douaumont and Vaux east of the Meuse the Germans renewed their attack using jets of flaming liquid, but met with a sanguinary check, Paris reported.

The Spanish steamer Santanderino was submerged. Four are missing.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Apr. 11.—Germans view Verdun operations confidently. The Overseas news agency says since February 21 the Germans captured more than 36,000 French at Verdun. "West of the Meuse 25 square kilometers of ground have been occupied," the report closes.

WATER RISES IN THE G'T WESTERN SHAFT

DEEP SHAFT TAPS A FLOW THAT RESEMBLES THE FLOOD OF THE VICTOR

The Great Western mine is troubled with water which rose in the station in the shaft but the matter is not serious as Manager Magee expects to master the rush by installing auxiliary pumps to hold the pressure until he can put in machinery capable of handling the stream.

It was supposed that the old equipment of the mine would be equal to the task of disposing of any water that might come in, but last night, after shooting, the volume grew so rapidly that it soon reached the shaft and began climbing. The management believes this is the same underground reservoir that kept the Victor busy for nearly a year and which it was thought had been exhausted, but it appears there remains a liberal supply of moisture to justify the placing of a stronger equipment.

Had it not been for the work of the Victor which pumped 300,000 to 500,000 gallons daily for a long period it is believed the trouble would furnish a serious problem. As it is it becomes merely a question of getting the larger pumps into action to bring the flow under control.

The pump motor at the bottom of the shaft was drowned, but there is another pump at the 800 foot point which may be used in conjunction with the bailer.

Manager Magee said this afternoon "There is no serious trouble at the mine that we cannot master in a few days. It just happened that last night when we ran into another lot of stringers the power went off and the water came back into the station flooding the motor. We will be all right soon and there will be no material delay or damage."

PORK BARREL APPROPRIATION PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$40,000,000 passed the house and now goes to the senate.

NEGLECTED INJURY MAKES IT POSSIBLE

No credence Attached to Story Until Verified by Sight of His Body

(By Associated Press.)

GENERAL PERSHING'S HEADQUARTERS, 2 P. M., APR. 11.—RENEWED REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT VILLA IS DEAD AND BURIED. THE REPORTS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. MEANWHILE THE SEARCH FOR VILLA CONTINUES WITH RENEWED VIGOR.

MEXICANS WHO HAD SEEN VILLA A WEEK AGO SAID THE BANDIT WAS THIN AND EMACIATED. REPORTS, HOWEVER, ARE CONFLICTING. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED THAT VILLA WAS ABLE TO WALK THE FIRST DAY AFTER HE WAS WOUNDED.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—UNOFFICIAL REPORTS THAT VILLA IS DEAD HAVE REACHED THE CARRANZA EMBASSY. THE REPORTS ARE REPRESENTED AS COMING FROM QUERETARO, CARRANZA'S PROVISIONAL CAPITAL. VILLA'S WOUNDS GAVE COLOR TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BANDIT MAY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SURVIVE THE HARDSHIPS OF FLIGHT IN HIS DISABLED CONDITION.

GENERAL PERSHING HAS ABOUT 12,000 MEN, INCLUDING THOSE HOLDING HIS LINE OF COMMUNICATION. MORE THAN 18,000 ARE USED IN THE BORDER PATROL.

OCTOPUS CRUSHING OUT COMPETITION

WESTERN INDEPENDENT OILMEN THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—Without debate the senate adopted a resolution directing Senator Gregory, if not incompatible with public interest, to submit to the senate all reports of investigations by his department in Standard Oil since the supreme court decree of dissolution was issued against that company particularly into gasoline prices.

A letter to Senator Kenyon, who introduced the resolution, from western oil jobbers declared that independent oil dealers of the middle west would be driven out of business as they faced financial ruin unless an end was brought to the discriminatory prices of gasoline dictated by the Standard Oil company.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF DAMAGE SUIT

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 11.—Unique features are involved in the Chafar suit, a test case that was brought by George and Edward Chafar, the husband and minor son of Edith E. Chafar who was killed, May 24, 1913, in the collapse of a municipal pier at Long Beach, Cal. The accident was known as the Empire Day Disaster, since it occurred during a celebration by British residents of the late Queen Victoria's birthday.

In the collapse of the pier forty persons were killed outright and a number died afterwards from their injuries. In addition to the Chafar case, 187 suits for damages were filed in the superior court, but trial of them was delayed by agreement until the state supreme court should decide the test case. The sums asked in the 187 cases total \$3,500,000.

Damages of \$15,000 was asked for in the Chafar case and after a trial lasting 21 days, a verdict of \$7,500 was awarded the plaintiffs by a jury in the superior court.

The theory of the "keynote" vibration was advanced by the City of Long Beach in its defense. The keynote theory is an application of the traditional assertion that a violin player under certain circumstances by playing the "keynote" of a great building can cause it to collapse. In applying this theory, the defense argued that a group of Scotch bag-pipers leading the Empire Day celebration parade stopped on the pier and struck the dangerous keynote while the crowd swaying to the rhythm of the music accentuated this.

The bag-pipers piped, it was shown, for several minutes while someone hurriedly sought a forgotten key to

the municipal auditorium to admit the waiting crowd, gathered on the two-story pier. In the collapse, 350 persons on the top deck of the pier were dropped thirty feet amid wreckage to the sand beneath.

The plaintiffs argued that the pier was old and rotten and collapsed through weakness and structural defects.

The defense also advances the theory that the city was performing a "government function" in operating the pier and auditorium and therefore it was not liable for damages.

This was opposed by the testimony of the plaintiffs, showing a payment of \$25 for the use of the auditorium. This payment, it was contended, made the operation of the building a private enterprise conducted by the municipality.

One of the speculative features of the case was as to the manner of collecting any awards if the supreme court should uphold the verdict and proportionately large damages should be given in the other hundred and eighty-seven cases.

It was contended that actively used, municipal property could not be subjected to levies to satisfy such judgments, but only a restricted class of property attached. It was pointed out by attorneys also, that such judgments, if rendered, never would be satisfied by a bond issue because, given the known elements of human nature, the citizens of Long Beach probably would not vote such an issue.

WILL REVIEW WORK OF LODGE

Mrs. Marie Burdick of Tonopah, worthy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Nevada, paid an official visit Friday evening to Argenta chapter No. 7, Virginia City, Saturday Mrs. Burdick arrived in Carson City, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Burlingame and Mrs. L. B. Thomas. Tonight she will review the work of Esther lodge.—Carson Appeal.

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BETTER PICTURES

TONIGHT

Broadway's Most Beautiful Actress

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"OUT OF DARKNESS"

Photomelodrama of exciting situations and thrilling scenes. Racing sloop run down and sunk by huge freighter. Burning of a big factory and other exciting scenes.

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